

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JULIA CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 20, 2003*

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, I was unavoidably detained in my district of Indianapolis. Had I been present in Washington for votes, it was my intention to vote the following ways:

Rollcall No. 68—"aye."  
 Rollcall No. 69—"aye."  
 Rollcall No. 70—"aye."  
 Rollcall No. 71—"aye."  
 Rollcall No. 72—"aye."  
 Rollcall No. 73—"aye."  
 Rollcall No. 74—"aye."

## THE INTRODUCTION OF A HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 20, 2003*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, in the January 28, 2003, State of the Union Address, the President proposed a \$1.2 billion hydrogen fuel initiative to reverse America's growing dependence on foreign oil by developing the technology for commercially viable hydrogen-powered fuel cells to power cars, buses, trucks, homes and businesses with no pollution or greenhouse gases. Over the next five years, the proposed hydrogen fuel initiative would develop the technologies and infrastructure to produce, store, and distribute hydrogen for use in fuel cell vehicles and electricity generation.

I rise today to introduce a Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Authorization bill that would fully authorize the President's hydrogen fuel Initiative, providing a total of \$1.2 billion over 5 years. Specifically, the bill would fully authorize funding for the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies budget request at \$182 million and provide an additional \$1.018 billion across the following 4 years to fully fund the initiative through FY08.

Both the Fuel Cell Technology programs and the Hydrogen Technology Programs authorized in this bill are identified as key components of the Administration's FreedomCAR initiative in the FY04 budget proposal and represent a significant portion of the overall programs that make up FreedomCAR. This initiative has also been developed in response to the recommendations of the May 2001 National Energy Policy (NEP), which specifically recommended: (1) the development of next-generation technology, including hydrogen and fusion; (2) Development of an education campaign that communicates the benefits of alternative forms of energy, including hydrogen and fusion; and (3) Focused research and development efforts on integrating current programs regarding hydrogen, fuel cells, and distributed energy.

Additionally, the bill ensures a continued focus on "core" fuel cell power plant technology research and development programs that will be necessary to accelerate the tech-

nology to meet the goals established to bring this technology to market. These core elements include programs that help to address low cost, high-efficiency, fuel flexible, modular fuel cell power systems, improved manufacturing production and processes, high temperature membranes, cost effective fuel processing for natural gas, fuel cell stack and system reliability, durability and cold start capability.

Pursuing the development of this technology strikes at the very core our national security, economic stability, and environmental conscious. We have before us, for the first time in human history, the technology to provide clean, reliable energy for every person, home, business, and vehicle in America. With this technology, we have the opportunity to end once and for all America's reliance on foreign energy sources while at the same time creating quality jobs for the next century in a new and expanding technological field.

I urge my colleagues to support this initiative.

## A THREAT TO TAIWAN

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 20, 2003*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have serious concerns regarding the constant threat to Taiwan from missiles in China, and the signal that this military buildup sends to both the people of China and the people of Taiwan about the eventual peaceful resolution to the Taiwan dispute.

Currently, there are more than 400 Chinese missiles targeted on Taiwan, with fifty or more being added each year. Also, China has devised strategies to destroy Taiwan's political, communications, and production centers within days. What is even more menacing is that China has reiterated that it will use force against Taiwan if Taiwan refuses to accept China's "one country, two systems" unification formula.

I believe that China's intimidation of Taiwan questions its seriousness about being considered a major world power. China must not ignore Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian's repeated pleas for resumption of a cross-strait dialogue. If war breaks out in the Taiwan Strait, China, Taiwan and the rest of the countries in the Asian Pacific will all suffer irreparable economic and political damage.

We in the United States feel most strongly that a military clash in the Taiwan Strait must be avoided. I call upon the Chinese government to dismantle the hundreds of missiles targeting Taiwan and to embrace peace in managing its relations with Taiwan.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE WORDS OF MATT ETHERIDGE

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 20, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, at the dawn of this new century, we are engaged in an epic struggle, testing whether this nation, dedicated

to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, can defend freedom throughout the world. Many of our nation's brave young men and women have answered the call of service and are currently advancing freedom's cause.

Mr. Speaker, at this very moment, Matt Etheridge of Ridgway, Colorado is serving his nation honorably in the war to liberate Iraq. Recently, Matt sent his mother an email indicating his disappointment as a Navy Sailor in the shortsighted demonstrations of anti-war protestors. Below is the text of that letter:

Dear America,

I am a United States Navy Sailor. I am from Ridgway, Colorado. I have been in the Navy for almost two years. My job here is an Aviation Ordnanceman. My shipmates and I are part of a team that helps to create population control and our profession is land-scaping technicians. I have been to 5 different countries, seen 3 different oceans, and have sailed three quarters of the way around the world with 5000 men. I have been away from the people that I love for at least 6 months. When I want to call home it costs a dollar a minute. Sounds great, huh. You should try the food. Could you handle it? Yet I am still proud that I am here doing this for my family and friends. The people that love to have rights, love to be educated and love to have freedom. Did I mention that I am only 20 years old?

How many people in America can sit there and say that they have done anything like that and still serve and protect the country? How about only the people that signed on that little dotted line to risk their lives for the things that they truly believe in. Are they scared? What do you think? Of course they are. They have no idea what is going on and how the outcome will be. They have no idea what is going to happen to them or what is going on with their families at home. We are here to keep you safe and help protect all the things that you love so much. Do you (ANTI-WAR PROTESTERS) think that the military is a joke? Are we here just to look good?

What are the people in America doing? We are the ones here so that you the people do not have to be. I am not talking about everyone. I am talking about the pussy people that have no idea what it is like to be in our shoes and have no respect for us. What if the war was there? What would you do? Would you pick up a gun and protect your families? If we were not the police of the globe we would be taken over by a man that rapes and de-virginizes little innocent 15 year olds. I really do not care what you are all protesting against. Where do you all get your freedom? The Constitution, but we are the ones that enforce it. I guess you do not like to be free.

Do you people really understand what you have? You have no clue. You all have it so good. I think that you all should see some of what goes on in other places. Kids in other countries running around with guns, people burning our national emblem. What kind of barbaric B.S. is that? What would you do if you lost all of your rights? I bet you are glad that we would die for our country and you so that you do not have to live in fear.

I would love to see someone go up to one of the men or women in the Marines sitting 5 miles off Iraq and tell him that he is doing wrong. If you all hate America and what is happening, leave, who would really care? That is your "right." If our nation had a draft I bet all you all would tuck tail and run. We sign so that you do not have to.

Do you even remember what happened to the people of 9-11? Do you even care? Is that just the past and a memory now? Innocent Americans died trying to make a living.